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Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senate
462 Dirksen Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Simon:

This is in reply to your letter of February 8, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Jacobs

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Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
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REMARKS: Respond to the attention of Sarah Fedder.

PAUL SIMON
ILLINOIS

United States Senate

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February 8, 1993

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Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
Director, Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
Room 808 - 1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

I am writing on behalf of many my constituents who have contacted me with their concerns over the Federal Communications Commission's proposed rule change on PR Docket 92-235. For a more detailed explanation, please see the enclosed letters.

I would appreciate your looking into the issues addressed in these letters and responding to me. Please be sure to send your response to the attention of my staff assistant, Sarah Fedder.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

My best wishes.

Cordially,



Paul Simon
U.S. Senator

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The Honorable Paul Simon
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Dear Paul,

I feel I can call you 'Paul' because I have known, followed, and supported your politics for the 24 years I have lived in Illinois. Never have I written a letter before because I felt that with you in the Senate my interests were being represented.

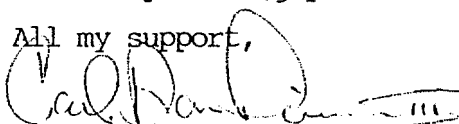
Now I feel I must write to inform you of a bill that will seriously effect myself and many who work in the Radio Control industry in Champaign and the State.

I hope that you will prevent the implementation of the F.C.C. notice of proposed rule making NPRM-PR Docket 92-235

I know that you have received letters from others detailing the bad effects this will have on our hobby and industry. So I just wish to add my concerns.

Keep up your good work on fighting prejudice (the Illini chief) and homophobia (gays in the military).

All my support,


Carl Dan Pierson III

January 21, 1993

The Honorable Paul Simon
462 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

In re: PR DOCKET 92-235
1993 JAN 25 PM 3:24
Deadline: Feb. 26, 1993

Dear Senator Simon:

I have been interested in aviation for a very long time. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I have been involved in this hobby for 25 years, and have been a member of the American Model Association since 1984. I own 13 radios and 13 model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

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1993 JAN 26 AM 9:27

The Honorable Paul Simon
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

January 23, 1993

Dear Senator Simon:

I am a long time Radio Control hobbist. Over the years I have built and flown Radio Controlled airplanes and helicopters. Seven Years ago I started a business related to the Radio Control industry. (I developed a computer simulation of Radio Control flying to be used as a training aid.)

The FCC has recently issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRN - PR Docket 92-235) that will very badly hurt Radio Control enthusiasts and the Radio Control industry.

Part of this proposal replaces Part 90 of the rules with Part 88.

Part 90 allows safe operation of R/C aircraft, cars and boats by keeping a 10 kHz spacing between fixed commercial users and R/C radios. The new rules want to add two new mobile commercial users in this space for most R/C frequencies. This will reduce the space between these R/C channels and higher powered mobile commercial radios to only 2.5 kHz. This drastic reduction in bandwidth may make many channels unusable and then cause congestion on the remaining channels resulting in decreased safety. Use of a frequency only 2.5 kHz from a higher powered mobile commercial radio will result in greater risk of interference and accident, reduced functionality and increased cost R/C radios.

The Radio Control hobby is enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of people and is a billion dollar industry.

The FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it will become very difficult to stop this mistake.

Please don't let the FCC expand the operation of land mobile radio users at the expense of Radio Control Modellers and the R/C industry.

Sincerely,

David R Stern
David R. Stern

February 5, 1993
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I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.